

19. (Not Amended) An apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said control apparatus comprises a computer.

20. (Not Amended) An apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said predetermined circuit includes a camera circuit.

21. (Not Amended) An apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said predetermined circuit includes an image pickup device.

REMARKS

There are now pending in this application Claims 1-21, with Claims 1, 7, 12 and 18 being the independent claims. Claims 1 and 7, 8, 12, and 18 have been amended.

In the Official Action dated June 9, 2000, Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,594,672 (Hicks) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,438,359 (Aoki). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The rejection over the cited art respectfully is traversed. Nevertheless, without conceding the propriety of the rejection, Claims 1, 7, 8, 12, and 18 have been amended even more clearly to recite various novel features of the present

invention. Support for the proposed amendments may be found in the original application, for example, from page 10, line 18 to page 11, line 18, et. seq. No new matter has been added.

Independent Claim 1 is directed to a peripheral apparatus which has a power switch and which can be connected to a computer apparatus. The detection means detects the voltage level of a signal line connected to the personal computer. The power supply control means controls the supply of electric power from the power source to the predetermined circuit for a predetermined period even when said power switch is off, in accordance with the output of the detecting means. The discriminating means determines whether or not a communication request for a predetermined procedure has been received from the personal computer after the electric power of the power source has been supplied to the predetermined circuit by the power supply control means. The control means allows supply of electric power from the power supply to continue once the discriminating means discriminates the presence of the communication request.

Independent Claim 7 is directed to a camera which has a power switch and which can be connected to a computer apparatus. The recording means records a photographed image. The detecting means detects a level of a data line which is connected to a personal computer. The discriminating means

judges whether or not an input signal is a predetermined first command from the personal computer. The image output means outputs image data recorded by the recording means to the personal computer. The control means starts the supply of electric power to the recording means and the image output means for a predetermined period even when the power switch is off according to the detection result of the detecting means, and then controls the supply of the electric power according to the discrimination result of the discriminating means so as to continue the supply of electric power once a predetermined second command is discriminated by the discriminating means, after the first command is discriminated and to stop in the case where the predetermined second command is not discriminated by the discriminating means after the first command is discriminated.

Independent Claim 12 is directed to a peripheral apparatus which has a power switch and which can be connected to a control apparatus via a signal transmitting means. The peripheral apparatus comprises a discriminating means and a control means. The discriminating means is for discriminating whether or not a predetermined first signal is received from the control apparatus. The control means is for starting supply of an electric power from a power source to a predetermined circuit for a predetermined period once the discriminating means discriminates a presence of the predetermined first signal even

when the power switch is off, and then for continuing supply of the electric power from the power source if a predetermined second signal is received from the control apparatus after receiving the predetermined first signal.

Independent Claim 18 is directed to a peripheral apparatus which has a power switch and which can be connected to a control apparatus via signal transmitting line. The peripheral apparatus comprises a discriminating circuit and a control circuit. The discriminating circuit is for discriminating whether or not a predetermined first signal is received from the control apparatus. The control circuit is for starting supply of electric power from a power source to a predetermined circuit for a predetermined period once the discriminating circuit discriminates a presence of the predetermined first signal even when the power switch is off, and then for continuing supply of the electric power from the power source if a predetermined second signal is received from the control apparatus after receiving the predetermined first signal.

As understood by Applicant, Hicks teaches a peripheral power saver 17 whose electric power is supplied through a power source cord 4 (column 3, lines 5-6). With this power supply, the power saver 17 controls supply of electric power of a peripheral apparatus 2 according to data transmission from a computer 1.

However, Hicks fails to disclose or suggest the feature of controlling the supply of electric power from the power source to the predetermined circuit for a predetermined period even when said power switch is off, as disclosed and claimed in the present invention.

Aoki discloses that a peripheral apparatus has a power source 16. However, this reference also fails to disclose or suggest the feature of controlling the supply of electric power from the power source to the predetermined circuit for a predetermined period even when said power switch is off, as disclosed and claimed in the present invention.

Therefore, these references, either alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest the present invention under consideration. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

For the above reasons, Applicant submits that independent Claims 1, 7, 12, and 18 are allowable over the cited art. Dependent Claims 2-6, 8-11, 13-17, and 19-21 depend from independent Claims 1, 7, 12, and 18, respectively, and are believed allowable for the same reasons. Moreover, each of these dependent claims recite additional features in combination with the features of their respective independent claims and is

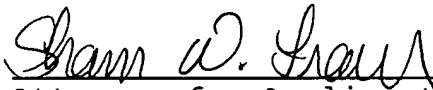
believed allowable in its own right. Individual consideration of the dependent claims respectfully is requested.

Applicant requests that the present Amendment After Final Rejection be entered under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Applicant submits that the present amendments reduce the number of issues for consideration and place the claims in condition for allowance. Applicant believes the present amendments were necessitated by the Examiner's comments in the Official Action and were not previously presented because Applicant believed the prior claims were allowable.

Applicant believes that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action and submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the claims and early passage to issue of the present application earnestly are solicited.

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